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**DIVISION OF WATER**

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**Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators  
July 2, 2019  
DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

Board: Bryan Ashby, Brian Blackburn, Jeff Deats, Ira Kaiser and Mark Kondelis  
DW: Alexis Capes, Jena Saxton and Faye Wheeler  
Public: Shelly Grabel

**Chairman Brian Blackburn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.**

A quorum of the board is present.

- The agenda for the current meeting is approved with corrections.
- Minutes of the June 14, 2019 meeting are approved as corrected.

**Old Business**

- **SunCoast Learning System**
  - Ira Kaiser completed Pumps and Motors in 5 hours. Mr. Kaiser has started Advanced Math (5 hours so far) two modules left.
  - Mark Kondelis completed Wastewater Collection in 4 hours, but his assessment is it could be an 8 hour course.
  - Jeff Deats completed Membranes under 3 hours and was able to skip through a module to get to the quiz. Mr. Deats is in the middle of Wastewater Treatment course.
  - The Board will continue to go through the courses and rate the hours. The Board agrees the courses should have a 75% completion rate.
  - Shelley Grabel of DTCC reports they figure out online classes using Rice University's an online class estimator. DTCC has mechanisms to track online presence and operators are not able to just click through.
- **June 14, 2019 exam results**
  - There are minor changes to the report that will be made before posting online.
  - Going forward DNREC we will track examiners who take the Wastewater Operator Certification Review Class.

### **New Business**

- **DRWA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Water & Wastewater Operator Expo**
  - Will take place on October 4, 2019.
  - Representing the Board will be Blackburn, Kondelis and Wheeler
- **Horsey request denied**
- **Operator License Renewals/Certifications/Expirations July**
  - The Board reviewed renewals, certifications and expirations.
- **License certifications and renewals audit for July**
  - No files were pulled.

### **Meeting was adjourned 9:57 a.m.**

The next Board of Certification for Wastewater Operators meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at DNREC, Richardson & Robbins Building, Conference Room B172.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Faye Wheeler, CAP, OM